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I'm quite concerned over the possible implementation of BPL. I don't believe the radio interference aspects have been well thought out. While the American Radio Relay League's idea for masking spectrum to protect radio amateurs may have merit, I'm concerned as one who depends upon shortwave broadcast stations for news and information. Masking does nothing to prevent massive interference from BPL to other frequencies in the HF spectrum.

BPL may end up being the RF equivalent of the light pollution which prevents astronomers close to cities from seeing much of the night sky. It may effectively prevent the public from using its HF spectrum. Even those of us living in the countryside would not be immune from this form of pollution.

As a licensed radio amateur for nearly forty years, I'm concerned that Part 15 BPL has the potential to make the HF and Six Meter amateur bands nearly useless for a licensed service. BPL has the potential for tremendous disruption to amateur radio's public service aspects. Additionally, interference to Part 15 BPL is quite likely from licensed radio amateurs.

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